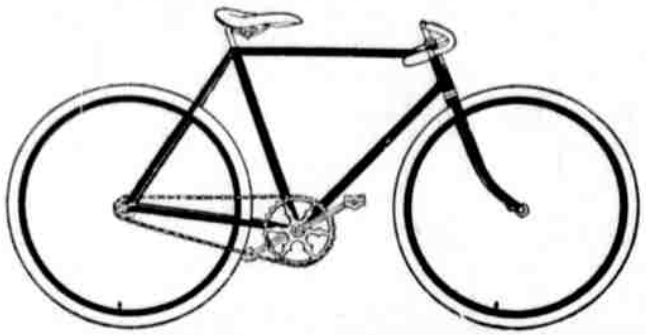


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ROUSING MEETING ADVOCATES A CENTRAL ATHLETIC FIELD FOR CITY SCHOOL CHILDREN

KING STREET SITE, CONTAINING 68 ACRES, THOUGHT TO BE BEST—CONCERTED EFFORT TO BE MADE FOR OBTAINING MONEY FROM LEGISLATURE TO PURCHASE AND IMPROVE TRACT.

It was a rousing meeting held at McKinley High School yesterday afternoon soon after 4 o'clock for the purpose of finding ways and means to get a large athletic field for the children of the public schools of the city, and it was the sense of the meeting that the King street site was the one for the purpose.

The meeting was called to order by Alfred D. Cooper, and there were present prominent business and professional men of this city, as well as the alumni of McKinley High School, and several strong speeches were made favoring the acquisition of a playground site, there being no dissenting voices from the necessity of such a central athletic field.

Thomas Square, which was brought forward last year as a possible athletic field for McKinley High, was not considered yesterday everyone present deeming that a field of at least twenty acres was necessary, and some holding that the whole tract of sixty-eight acres on King street, Walkiki or Victoria, would be none too large within a few years.

Eleven speeches were made at yesterday's meeting, and in not one was there any question of the necessity of a large athletic field at once, the point at issue being the manner in which it was best to go about securing it.

Some held that the land should be purchased by the Legislature, others that the money might be raised by public subscription, and still others that a lease of the property could be obtained for a time with the idea of final purchase.

Final action was the appointment of a committee composed of Alfred D. Cooper, Frank L. Hoogs and Miss Goldie Gurney to look into the proposition thoroughly and to decide what manner of procedure was best for the requirement of the necessary land.

The speakers yesterday included J. P. Cooke, Judge S. B. Dole, Dr. Hand

of the Y. M. C. A., Professor Scott, Professor Folsom, W. R. Farrington, Ed Towse, Senator Chillingworth, Marston Campbell, Willis T. Pope and Frank Dodge.

J. P. Cooke said that a public playground was something that must be provided for the children of the public schools in the near future, and Judge Dole believed that the King street site should be acquired. Even at the cost of thirty thousand dollars the judge believed it would be a good buy, as the property was bound to be worth more in the future.

Dr. Hand held that a field large enough to hold public parades was necessary, and a central location for the children of the schools was important. Not alone for McKinley High, but a field where all the school children of the city could come for their athletics was the necessity, as many of the children could not afford car-fare to go to some field on the outskirts of the city. The whole tract of sixty-eight acres would be none too large.

Professors Scott and Folsom each spoke of the necessity of a large athletic field, W. R. Farrington for the need of an organized campaign to secure the land necessary, Ed Towse and Chillingworth about the small chance the Legislature had of appropriating the necessary money to buy the tract, but both promising their support of a measure introduced for that purpose.

Marston Campbell stated that he would be in favor of an exchange of some government land for the site wanted if it were possible under the Organic Act, but as the limit of value of such an exchange was but \$4000, it would be impossible. He was in favor of the plan for a central field and would do all he could to help the matter along.

Superintendent Pope spoke briefly in favor of an athletic field, and Frank Dodge wanted to correct an impression that he was against Mc-

SPORT CALENDAR.
Saturday, Dec. 17.
Soccer Series—Hawaiian Association Football League commences.
Sunday, Dec. 18.
Kalakaua Avenue Walking Race.
Friday, Dec. 23.
Field Meet at Fort Shafter.
Dec. 24, 25, 26.
Airship Flight—Moanala by Bud Mars.
Monday, Dec. 26.
Big Fight at Asahi Theatre With Preliminary Bouts.
Saturday, Dec. 31.
Race Meet at Hilo—Special Steamer from Honolulu Leaves Friday Afternoon.
Airship Flight—Hilo, During Race Meet.

Kinley High because he had opposed the Thomas Square scheme a year ago.

It seemed the sense of the persons present at the meeting that the alumni of every public school in the city should take this matter up and boost it, and enlist the strength of the business community which had no affiliations with any school and present such a strong front to the next Legislature that that body must appropriate the necessary money to purchase and improve the King street tract.

YALE VET WOULD REVISE THE RULES

George Foster Sanford, the veteran Yale athletic adviser who had a good deal to do with building up this year's Yale eleven, is convinced that the football rules committee has much work to do before another season rolls around. If the needs of the game are to be considered, in his opinion some changes in the code are absolutely essential.

"I am outstandingly opposed to the forward pass over the line of scrimmage," he said. "The most important change which I would recommend is the distance to be gained by rushing be reduced from ten yards to seven. I also think that the runner should be allowed to 'back on' to one player in hitting the line in order to equalize to some extent the attack with the defense.

"The objection to pushing and pulling because of the liability to injury would not hold in this case. On the other hand, it will really make play safer by providing some protection to the man carrying the ball from the shock of a tackle in the secondary line of defense.

"The reduction of ground to be gained by rushing will make possible a reasonable reward for rushing and thus restore one of the basic principles of the American college game."

DOTS AND DASHES.

There will be a special meeting of the Oahu Baseball League at the office of Charles F. Chillingworth tomorrow evening at 7:30.

At Kaili Settlement junior club yesterday afternoon, the Blues won from the Reds at indoor baseball by a score of 13 to 12.

FORT SHAFTER NOTES.

There was a soccer game last Sunday morning between Companies F and H. It was a return match and neither side scored.

Dance.
Last Saturday night a dance was given at Fort Shafter by the boys of the battalion. It started at 8:30 and broke up at 11:30. There were eighteen dances on the program.

This was the first dance for two years that has been given at Fort Shafter. It is expected that there will be a farewell dance given just before the battalion leaves for home next July.

To Duty.
Second Lieutenant Alexander L. James Jr., Fifth Cavalry, having been reported fit for duty by the surgeon of this station, will proceed to join his proper station at Schofield Barracks, Oahu.

The following named enlisted men of the Fifth Cavalry have been reported fit for duty by the surgeon of this station and will proceed to join their stations at Schofield Barracks: Private Herman Marshall, band; Private Ernest Didier, Troop D; Wagoner Andrew Anderson, Troop L. When these three men arrive at Schofield Barracks they will report to their troop commanders for duty.

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COME BACK IS DANE'S SLOGAN

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On the night of December 3 Battling Nelson left San Francisco for Los Angeles, saying good-bye to the city of his triumphs and defeat with a smile and making no complaints.

"I am on my way and I intend to satisfy myself very shortly whether or not I can come back or whether I am in," said the Dane before departing. "I have been told time and time again since my last start to quit the game for keeps, but I am not quite ready yet. I have never fooled myself in the past and I believe that I am worthy of another trial.

"Yes, I was beaten last Saturday afternoon by Moran. I could make a few comments about the battle, but what's the use? Battling Nelson is not the sort of a fellow to whine and complain. Let bygones be bygones. I was supposed to be down and out three years ago, but I came back and won the lightweight championship of the world. I may repeat a little later on.

"Just say this for me: If I can't go in against champions I will never go against any of them. Just as soon as I find out that I am not fast enough for the first division then good night. I have been up in fast company too long. Those who think that I am going to mix with the second and third-raters must take another guess."

Nelson will make a short stay in Los Angeles, after which he will go to O'Bar, N. M., to look after his ranch. He will tarry there for a couple of weeks and if the climate helps him he will prolong his stay and possibly do some training.

Nelson has little to say about Moran or Wolgast other than that he hopes to meet one or both of them within the next few months. Apparently, he is firm in his belief that he can trim the present champion, whom he holds in the utmost contempt. He likes Moran and has paid him many a nice compliment since his last battle, but he can not think of too many mean things to say about Wolgast or his manager, Tony Jones.

DOTS AND DASHES.

Punahou club held a meeting on Monday night at which fourteen new members were elected. Those admitted were John Marcellino, E. K. Fernandez, Percy Deverill, J. R. Parrot, Kenneth Brown, Henry Williams, Ed Williams, Abraham Lota, Lani Magoon, Allen Magoon, Che Bul, Jim Hatty, Jack Rodway and Bill Meyers.

The play for the Wall Cup on the Beretania courts will not be held for several weeks, play being postponed until longer days give more time before dark after business hours.

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